categories of S.O.(A), A.A.O., A.O.A.C. D.A., Clerks and Auditors, in the Defence Accounts Department;

(b) whether there is any backlog for SC|ST in the above mentioned categories; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to fill up the backlog and whether any special drive is being launched in the near future for the purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K.C. PANT): (a) The number of SC|ST and general categories persons employed in these categories is 2,444 and 10,191 respectively.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) A special drive has already been launched to fill up the backlog.

Group C and D Posts in AIIMS, New Delhi

*307. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of Group 'C' and 'D' posts are lying vacant in the R.P. Centre of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi; and

(b) if so, the details of each post, since when the same have been lying vacant and the number of those of unreserved category; the number of those for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and physically handicapped persons and what action has been taken to fill up the said vacant posts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) The All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi have reported that 59 posts in various categories of Group 'C' and 'D' are lying vacant at Dr. R.P. Centre of AIIMS.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha. (*See* Appendix CLI, Annexure No. 151]

Health Guide Scheme in Andhra Pradesh

*308. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Health Guide Scheme was introduced in Andhra Pradesh in 1977 with hundred per cent assistance by the Central Government; if so, whether Government have been releasing the said funds regularly and in time;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof for the last three years and the amount still due to the State Government under the said scheme;

(c) whether Government have decided to alter and curtail the financial pattern of the said scheme;

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government propose to continue the said scheme as before, as demanded by the State Government; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM) :(a) In 1977, the Community Health Workers (Jan Swasthya Rakshak) Scheme as a part of the Plan for Health Care Services in rural areas was launched as 100 per cent Centrally Sponsored Scheme, all over the country, including Andhra Pradesh. Subsequently in 1979, the Scheme was included in the category entitled for 50 per cent Central assistance. After a detailed review during 1980, the